IRON LUNGS—INSTALLING IN STATE HOSPITALS

49. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it intends to instal the Iron Lung apparatus in the important Hospitals in our State by taking advantage of the generous offer of Lord Nuffield;

(*b*) whether it has applied for the same;

(*c*) if not, why not?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Government do not intend installing Iron Lungs in all the important Hospitals of the State, but two Iron Lungs have been received, and they have been installed in the Hospitals at Ernakulam and Trichur.

(*b*) and (*c*) No answer is necessary.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, since we can have it for the mere asking, what is the objection for the Government to apply for it?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* We cannot have it for the mere asking.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* There is a talk in the air that Lord Nuffield is very generous.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know what are these Iron Lungs for?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is useful for cases of infantile paralysis and for occasional cases of drowning. But hardly ever it is used. So far, I do not think, we had any occasion to use it.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* What will be the approximate cost?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not know. It costs us Rs. 300 to get them down here.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Did the Government pay any value towards it?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Are there doctors here who have got previous experience to use this?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No previous experience is necessary.

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Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: Is it the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer that no experience is necessary? I have been told otherwise.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: No experience is necessary to handle the machine. I have not yet used it at all.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Cannot the Government send one or two Assistant Surgeons for training in Madras? It is seen from the papers that it is being used in Madras. *(Laughter)*.

APPOINTMENTS—HONORARY VISITORS TO GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARIES

50. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it not the practice with the Government to appoint honorary visitors to the Government hospitals and dispensaries;

(*b*) is this practice followed in the case of grant-in-aid dispensaries;

(*c*) if not, may I know why;

(*d*) will not the appointment of the honorary visitors to the grant-in-aid dispensaries also considerably improve the working of those institutions;

(*e*) will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of appointing honorary visitors to the grant-in-aid dispensaries and to take early steps to appoint honorary visitors to all such dispensaries in the State?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Because they are not Government institutions, and it would not be very helpful to have them as in the case of hospitals and dispensaries.

(*d*) Government do not think so.

(*e*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*c*).

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